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The Loss of the Circassian.
A dispatch to the New York Herald, dated
Sag Harbor, Dec. 30th, says:

At about four o'clock this morning a terri-
ble accident occurred at the wreck of the British
ship Circassian, which has been on the
beach since the morning of the 11th of Decem-
ber. At the time of the beaching of the Cir-
cassian all hands were saved. Some of those
fortunate enough to be saved on that occasion
were among those lost in today's disaster.
Since the 12th instant the wreck has been in
charge of the Coast Wrecking Company, which
contracted to save the vessel and cargo. The
task of discharging the cargo was a very dan-
gerous undertaking, for ever since the ship drove
ashore the wind has been high and the sea
angry. On Thursday last the vessel was re-
leased of most of her freight and it was hoped
that she would be drawn off the beach yes-
terday. The weather proved unfavorable, how-
ever, and the task was postponed until today.
The delay proved fatal, for now the vessel is a
total wreck, and twenty-eight lives have been
lost. It appears since the Wrecking Company
took charge of the ship the company's em-
ployees have been quartered on board, as was
the case with the Capt. Williams, the captain of the
unfortunate ship from Liverpool to New
York. Like a true sailor, Capt. Williams re-
fused to leave his craft, and he has paid the
price of his fidelity with his life. The men on
board the Circassian had finished on Fri-
day night all the necessary preparations for
attaching the hawser with which she was
to be drawn off. During the early hours of
the night the wind freshened a little and
the sea began to run very high, until at
about six o'clock it began to break clear
over her. The men, as the danger
was about to be reached, were they were or-
dered to greater safety. All on board—thirty-
two souls all told—remained in the exposed
position until the morning, when it was de-
cided to shift quarters, as the falling of the
sea, caused by the rolling of the vessel,
made it difficult to hold on. The crew was
safely transferred to the mizzen, where signals
of distress were repeated.

All this time the sea was plain in sight;
the moon was shining brightly, and fire sent
by the crew of the life saving station showed
gladly the figures of the crew on the beach
struggling to and fro in vain endeavors to aid
the men in the rigging. It was an awful sus-
pense for the poor fellows who had been on the
ship. They saw attempt after attempt
made to establish communication with them
and, each failure seemed to measure the
purchase upon life. Every effort to get a boat
off shore proved futile. As often as it was at-
tempted the sea drove it high and dry on the
beach. Captain Henry Haining, of Life Sav-
ing Station No. 10, also brought a motor in
to service, and several boats with a rope at-
tached to the wrecked ship. But one of
the cords reached the ship. Its boat was
not very strong and it presently fell off, and
the slender thread upon which thirty-two hu-
man lives depended was snapped forever. The
men were left a helpless prey to the direc-
tion in which the waves were shot, and most
of the boats fell far short of the wreck. Finally
in a charge of powder was rammed into
the mizzen, the last charge in the magazine of
the ship. With that charge the mizzen
exploded, and the men who were on the
beach, who had been waiting for the men in the
rigging, quite plainly and heard their cries for
help. Many of the weather beaten heroes on
shore, who have been wrecking vessels and
saving lives since boyhood, were moved to tears
by the pitiful importunities of the wrecked
men off shore. The violence of the waves
was mitigated the suspense they were under
since have felt during the early hours, but
when the last charge was shot off and nothing
else possible to human effort or bravery re-
mained to be done they became unmanly and
many of them wept. The nervous and
the sudden inactivity utterly incapacitated
them for any duty. They could not move the
boat, and it only remained for them to remain
inactive and see their fellow men perish before
their eyes. To leave the beach would only add
to their terror, and to remain inactive would
troubly give cause for unjust reproach from
the poor, helpless waiters on the wreck. Su-
perintendent Haining and his men remained
and tried to answer the calls from the wrecked
men, but that was said in a direction of the
wind. In terror and suspense the moraine were
on the wind having veered around in the
meantime to the southwest. During the early
part of the night, before the men went into the
rigging, the cables were slackened, but the ship
moved only a short distance and continued
through the night to strike the bottom. Every
time she struck the men thought she would
lose her mass, to which they had clung with
desperate courage. White conscious of the great danger
and the utter impossibility of saving them-
selves if the mast should go by the board,
it being of iron, they were unable to
shaken the lashing. Some of them with more
self-possession than others had taken this con-
tingency into their calculations, and had not so
securely lashed themselves, and among these were
the only two saved from the wreck.

At half past four a. m. the long dreaded crisis
came and the mizzenmast went by the board
and a crash carrying the mainmast with it. A
tremendous swell had struck the Circassian
and raised her very high. When it receded
she thumped heavily and the terrible jar threw
the mast over the side. The masts being iron
went to the bottom immediately, carrying with
them twenty-eight souls.

There is no prospect, immediate or remote,
of recovering the bodies of those of them that
strongly to the eastward and those of them that
have been driven out beyond Montauk Point.
Three of the Circassian crew and one of the
crew of the mizzenmast were on the beach.
As the mizzenmast was the last to go, the
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that the Shinnecock Indians named Walker, and
that he had it fastened around his body when
he lashed himself to the mast. The mizzen-
mast was not said in commendation of Captain Hain-
ing and his men for their noble though futile
efforts.

Among the shipwrecked crew were all of the
men of the Shinnecock tribe of Indians, who
live on the Reservation near Sag Harbor, and
all that remain of that tribe now are old men
and women and the forlorn widows of the un-
fortunate sailors who were swallowed up by
the sea on Saturday morning. These Indians
were, physically, magnificent men, four of them
being over six feet in height. They were on-
torious in all the eastern end of Long Island
for their theft, frugality and honesty; and, as
sailors, they had no rivals. During the early
part of last week a letter was received at the
Reservation, about twelve miles west of Bridge-
hampton, from New Bedford, Mass., asking
for a crew for a whaling vessel. The more do-
cile minded of the men refused to leave their
families, and only two men answered the call.
Poor fellows! their hopes of homely comforts
fell short of their anticipation. Their recent
homes on the Reservation were to day a scene
of mourning. Desolation had settled on the
place, and every household regretted the loss
of some relative of blood or affinity. All visit-
ors were eagerly questioned as to any news of
the bodies of the lost men, but no news came.
Many of the families have lost their only
bread winner, and the prospects for the future
are indeed dreary. The Walker family have
lost two members. The two brothers, Cuff and
lost one, and a first cousin with them. The
old folks have lost one son left, and are conse-
quently not as badly off as the Walkers. The
whole male line of the Buons is extinguished,
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